

REMARKS

The December 28, 2007 restriction requirement holds that this application contains claims directed to nine (9) patentably distinct Species. More specifically, Applicants are required to elect one of the following Species for prosecution on the merits under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Species I - Figures 7 and 9 (claims 2 and 3);
Species II - Figures 13-15 (claims 4-10);
Species III - Figure 7 (claim 11);
Species IV - Figure 7 (claim 12);
Species V - Figure 12a (claim 13);
Species VI - Figure 12b (claim 14);
Species VII - Figure 12c (claim 15);
Species VIII - Figure 12c (claim 16); and
Species IX - Figure 7 (claims 17 and 18).

Additionally, the Office Action indicates that at least claim 1 is generic.

In response, Applicants hereby elect the *Species I* (claims 1-3) illustrated in Figures 7 and 9 *without traverse*. Applicants believe that claims 1-3 read on the elected *Species I*.

Applicants respectfully reserved the right to file a divisional application for the non-elected claims. However, Applicants respectfully request that these non-elected claims be considered upon the allowance of a generic claim in accordance with U.S. patent practice.

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